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## AUSTRALIAN AND IMPERIAL TOPICS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Dec. 16.

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## THE TASMANIAN FRUIT INDUSTRY.

By A. VICTOR.

The fruit crop of Tasmania, in which Sydney is so largely interested, has been damaged to some extent by windy and hot weather, the apple trees more particularly having suffered in consequence. In Tasmania opinions differ as to the measure of the losses. In the Hobart district the loss of the apple-growing is estimated at the present time to be 20 per cent., and in the island, the trend notwithstanding the unfavorable climatic conditions, still bore a large quantity of fruit when seen eight or ten days ago. At Port Cygnet, where farmers claim to have 1000 acres of apples, out of the total of 3000 acres given by the official return, as the Hobart district, some patches have suffered rather severely, and the quality of the fruit is not to be compared with that of New Zealand. The orchards are, however, in full flower, and from this latter aspect, the climate affords a good prospect of a bumper crop.

The Chinese have in China Li Hung Chang has immense warehouses in Pekin crammed with previous fruits from top to bottom, and so many Chinese pliers the choice skins on them, way to this end, that he is said to be the largest fruit merchant in the world. This is a watchful ruler, and it is rumoured that the punishment inflicted was so appropriate and diverting that no one has ever meddled with Li's stable since. There is an immense demand for raw furs in China. A nation of neither more nor less than 400,000,000 people, but which is a most important state for personal luxuries, furs a substitute for jewels in costume. An English or African prince will perhaps dress in white cotton provided this be set off by some proudest gems on his sword, dagger, and turban. A Chinese mandarin's sole jewels may be a few hairs of jade or gold, but the Chinese have a taste for feathers of fowls so splendid that it needs a certain education to appreciate the full beauty of the costume. It has long been known that the Chinese furred were the best in the world; and that experts in the dressing of seal skins have a taste for the front, and here, for the reasons I have given, Sir William has been out of his element. In truth, no man of the older school could fairly be expected to be in it.

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house, and that unpassed meat must not be sold in the same district. The City Council, he said, had promised to build new abattoirs; but nothing had been done up to the present. A general understanding was arrived at that the stamping of meat should not commence at present. The stamping will await the inauguration of public slaughter-houses in Tasmania.—A "small matter," he has arranged between the Board of Health and the Government. It seems that under the Public Health Act the local councils are answerable for the disinfection of premises where cases of disease have occurred. The Government has to pay half of the cost. The Board of Health are outstanding. They have not yet paid owing to the financial position existing. This has been settled, and the local councils can now obtain their money.

The Rev. E. D. MADGWICK.—We regret to learn that the Rev. E. D. Madgwick, incumbent of the Church of England, St. Peters, who has been for some time in poor health, was last night in a low condition.

**ACCIDENTS.**—Overseas.—A number of the cyclists at the cycling sports at the Cricket Ground last night fell, but only one man was seriously hurt. He was James Somerville, 24, from Geelong, who sustained injuries to the head, and was taken to the Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance Corps. In the course of his recovery, Somerville was in a critical condition, but late last night it was reported he was not in a dangerous state. Seven members of the Civil Ambulance brigades engaged at the sports rendering "first aid" to the competitors who came down. It was the tenth period of the race, and the course for four miles. There was a demand for spikes, bandages, &c., and it was fortunate that only one of the cyclists who came to grief had to be carried to a hospital.

**FOUND DROWNED.**—The body of a man named James Pilkerton was yesterday morning found floating in Neutral Bay. The police were sent to the spot, and were told to remove the body, and were directed to the North City Morgue. The remains appear to have been in the water for several days. The deceased arrived by the Orient in the 7th instant.

**DROWNING FATALITY AT ALEXANDRIA.**—The City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Moore, J.P.) held a coronial inquiry yesterday at the Royal Hotel. Mr. William Marshall, aged 7 years, who resided with his parents at 19 Roper-street, New Town, and who, on Wednesday afternoon was drowned in a waterhole near the Warren brick-yards, Alexandria, while bathing. The coroner entered a finding of accidental death by drowning.

**THE BURGESS CONTRACT.**—Contract No. 1000.

**NORTHERN TERRITORY.**—The fire is a much larger one than was anticipated, and although the flames have been constantly at work tracing the heart of the fire they are yet some distance off its extinction. The process of carting the surface-coal to another portion of the shaft has been suspended, and the flame is now conveniently visible, and the coal is found in large heated masses. This is being turned over, and the track of the fire followed as far as possible. A large gang of workmen, under the supervision of Mr. Warburton, advised by the officers in charge, are working at the mine, removing the coal, and at present about 600 tons of coal has been removed from the face of the heap, and a large quantity taken from the summit so as to prevent it from falling in. The course of the fire appears to be zig-zag in character and troublesome to trace. The area under the fire is now about 100 feet square, and at times hindering the men at their work. The mass gives off a considerable quantity of carbonic acid gas, proving an additional difficulty in proceeding with the work. It is thought that by this means the fire of the fire will be removed, but it is difficult to say definitely when the outbreak will be overcome.

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**A MAFIA IN THE STATE OF ENGLAND.**—A rather exciting incident (says the "Home News") occurred at the Bank of England on Saturday night, December 10, about 11 o'clock. A man rang the bell at the door opposite the Royal Exchange, and as he was opening up a safe in the vaults he was shot. He had a pistol in his pocket, and it was fired in his hand. He was found in a dead body, and the police were called to eject him. The man was removed by Comptables 514 and 532 to the Cock Lane Station, where he was charged with murder. He was given the name of William F. Taylor, and stated that he was 35, and he had a White Horse-road, Croydon. A five-chamber revolver, fully loaded, was found in him, and one of his pockets contained bullet holes. He also had in his possession several articles of jewellery, two pieces of a £10 Bank of England note, a diamond ring, a distinguished sovereign, a garter piece, and a silver coin, one of which was Italian. Owing to the man's strange conduct, Dr. Thorp, of Southwark Bridge-road, was sent for, and certified that the prisoner was apparently insane. Taylor was then sent to a hospital in the North-West, to 10 years.

**THE WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.**—The Perth Tramway Company, agreed to the revised tramway scheme. The scheme covers 17 miles of line, 13 of which must be completed in two years and the remainder in five years.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**—**A CASE OF CANNIBALISM.**

**ERTH, Wednesday.**—A telegram from Park Hill states that a native lad, accompanied by cannibals, has been discovered. The victim, Bobby, aged 12, was employed by a white man. It appears his fellow-travellers strangled the victim. The body was found hanging from a tree, and a red handkerchief was tied around his neck. Constable Hill recovered the injured people to Prince Alfred Hospital, Bulwer-street, and was assisted by Dr. Lipscomb. The lad Lee had only a few cuts about his head and hand, and his clothes dressed he was taken to his home at Surry Hills.

**YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.**—Contable Cross, of the New Town police, discovered the body of a newborn baby, which was found floating in the water. The body appeared to have been in the water for several days, and was in a decomposed state. The constable reported the body to the South Sydney Morgue, and informed the coroner.

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**THE JEWELLERY ROBBERY.**—**JOHNSON SENTENCED.**

**LONDON, Jan. 18.**—William Johnson, the man who pleaded guilty to stealing the jewels of the Dowager-Duchess of Sutherland, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. He refused to make any revelations as to the theft.

**REMAINS OF COLUMBUS.**—**RE-INTERRED AT SEVILLE.**

**LONDON, Jan. 18.**—The coffin in which the remains of Columbus were encased, and which was transported from Havanna at the close of the late war, has been opened at Cadiz. Thirty bones and some ashes were found. The remains have been re-interred at Seville.

**THE DUBLIN AND CORK COUNCILS.**

**RETURN OF LABOUR CANDIDATES.**

**LONDON, Jan. 18.**—Fifteen labour candidates have been elected to the Urban District Council of Dublin, and nine to the Urban District Council of Cork.

**THE TALLOW MARKET.**

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**SILVER.**—**LONDON, Jan. 19.**—Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 9-16d per ounce standard.

**THE YARRA TRAGEDY.**

**MELBOURNE, Thursday.**—The Premier, Sir Edward Braddon, concurred in Mr. Reid's opinion that the press should be excluded from the conference of Premiers to be held in Melbourne.

**THE CIVIL SERVICE.**—This afternoon presented an address to Sir Philip Fysh, congratulating him on his appointment as Agent-General, and wishing him good-speed. The evening banquet was given by the Hobart citizens in the Town Hall. It was attended by a representative gathering.

**NEW ZEALAND.**

**AUCKLAND, Thursday.**—A violent thunderstorm raged in Nelson and other parts of the colony last night. Near Blenheim and its ridge were killed by lightning. Great damage was done to the crops.

**THE KITCHEN MARKET.**—The crew was wrecked near Akaroa. The crew was saved.

**TO-DAY.**

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Dr. Gunn, in conclusion, said that the Queensland labour recruiting vessels have recently been taking large numbers of natives from the New Hebrides. About 100 of these natives had been taken from West Tanna, and 16 from Tongoa. More recently 15 were taken from Ngguna, from close to the New Hebrides. There were also 15 natives from the missionary at Etona. The same vessel also took 48 natives from Undine Bay. When asked as to his opinion of the aborigines supplied with the regulations laid down by the Queensland Government, Dr. Gunn said he was unable to express an opinion regarding their actions during the last couple of years. He did not say that they had been bad.

Dr. Gunn, who is accompanied by Mrs. Gunn, intends to spend the whole of his holiday in South Australia.

## THE WEATHER

### A GREAT RAINFALL.

### THE WHOLE OF THE COLONY COVERED.

The expected has happened, and the meteorologists who said that New South Wales was in for a general rainfall have been proved correct. The rain has come with them, as were the reports of the colony for yesterday. That the dried-up settler will offer up thanks without saying, for though he may not be able to get his crop in, the water, the contribution has a value in itself; but half an inch, and help comes upon the hope that more will follow. It is the breaking of the spell which will follow along. It is the breaking of the awakening under a sky of brass and looking out upon a winterless tract. In the Darling country the fall was from 100 to 150 miles, and in the north-east, tapering down to 15-20 points at Wentworth. Beyond the River Darling 116 points fell in Wauchope, and 95 points at Coonabarabran. Over the country between the Lachlan and the Murrumbidgee, 110-120 points fell. At Goulburn 100 points fell, and at Lithgow 15-16 inches. Cobber only had 10 points, but at Nymagee, 100 miles west, and 100 miles south of that point, 90 points fell. On the road from Wilcannia to Cobber, where it was stated that 160 points fell, a report has been received giving 160 points. This is the first time we have ever had a rainfall of this amount, and gives an idea of the thunderous character of the rains.

On the Lachlan, Cargelligo, Embangalang, and Condobolin had 100 points, and in the Riverina 100-110 points fell. From the south-western corner of the colony, Hay reports 67 points, Narrandera 70, Deniliquin 88 points. Taking the Central division into account, the total rainfall for the month of March to well over an inch was recorded, and in coastal areas and highlands it generally exceeded an inch. A few exceptional falls appear in the returns. The total rainfall for the month in the interior, falling in the N.W., 140 miles from Sydney, was measured, and over 2 inches at Orange.

### AMUSEMENTS.

#### ORGAN RECITAL.

One of M. Wieberg's organ recitals was given at the Town Hall, last night. A fair attendance of the public was present. Coming with Danist's offering in G. No. 1, a program of organ compositions was performed, including compositions by the best masters. One of the most tuneful numbers, spoken from books received and classified with the Latin Masters, was "Missa Brevis." Mr. Wieberg, a consummate artist, two substituted pieces were played instead. The last piece was "Feast of the Assumption." The Bohemian Girl," which was the treat of the evening, being most effectively arranged to bring out the beauty of the organ. The organist, Mr. Wieberg, was best form. A. C. Adams' "Le Chant," the prayer and chorus from "Hommé," "Messe," "Ego," a selection from "Missa Brevis," and "Te Deum." Miss Wieberg was included in the program, which on the whole, was a most pleasurable artistic success.

### CONCERT AT PAIDINGTON.

At the Paddington Town Hall last evening a musical and dramatic entertainment was given by the pupils of Mr. H. F. Broder before a fair attendance. The program opened with a vocal group in one act, entitled "Alfred the Great," in which the characters were taken by Masters J. Anderson, Mr. H. F. Broder, Mr. F. Scott, and Mr. G. Brown.

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### BATHURST POOR RELIEF SOCIETY.

**BATHURST, Thursday.** The annual meeting of the Bathurst Poor Relief Society was held in the Town Hall to-night. Mr. H. S. Stewart, the president, was the chair, and Mr. J. Mitchell, the secretary, read the report, which was concurred in. The report showed that the sum of £1,000 had been raised for the relief of the poor, and £1,000 had been given to the Poor Relief Fund.

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The number of pupils attending St. Michael's Church of England Sunday School met at the residence of Mr. Davies, who laboured in the school a great deal, and the result was a decided improvement. The school is now in a very satisfactory state of affairs.

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